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SUBJECT: FORCE REDUCTION AND INTEGRATION OF IRREGULARS

1. IN THE COURSE OF A MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA TODAY I INFORMED HIM OF THE EFFORTS I HAVE BEEN MAKING TO PERSUADE DEFENSE MINISTER SISOUK AND THE LAO GENERAL STAFF OF THE NECESSITY OF TAKING ACTION TO INTEGRATE SOME IRREGULAR FORCES INTO FAR AND TO BRING THE FORCE LEVEL OF FAR AND LIF DOWN TO THE ANTICIPATED JUNE 1974 PERSONNEL CEILINGS. I DESCRIBED TO SOUVANNA A RECENT MEETING WITH SISOUK AND THE GENERALS AND A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH VANG PAO AND TOLD HIM CANDIDLY THAT THE FAR STAFF WAS FIDDLING AROUND WITH WHAT WAS IN MANY WAYS A RELATIVELY SIMPLE PROBLEM. THE FIRST STEP, HOWEVER, WAS FOR FAR TO ESTABLISH A JTD FOR EACH MILITARY REGION AFTER WHICH EXISTING UNITS COULD BE BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH THIS NEW STRUCTURE.

2. SOUVANNA TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THIS PROBLEM IN HIS LITTLE BLACK BOOK WHICH TRADITIONALLY INDICATES THAT HE WILL FOLLOW UP.

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